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**VIA ECFS**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of ex parte presentation – Lifeline reform (WC Docket No. 11-42)*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 19, 2015, representatives of Cox Communications, Inc. (“Cox”) met with Commission staff to discuss reform of the Lifeline program in the above-referenced docket to expand the program to broadband and facilitate greater provider participation. Cox met with Jonathan Chambers, Chief of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis; and from the Wireline Competition Bureau, Matthew DelNero, Chief; Trent Harkrader, Associate Chief; Ryan Palmer, Chief of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division; and Garnet Hanley; Jay Schwarz; and Charles Eberle. Cox was represented by Barry Ohlson, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs; Jennifer Prime, Director, Regulatory Affairs, both with Cox Enterprises, Inc.; and undersigned counsel.

In the meeting, Cox explained why providers will be likely to participate in Lifeline if the Commission expeditiously adopts a national eligibility verifier and eliminates eligibility data collection and retention requirements. Cox also urged the Commission to streamline the process for being designated to provide Lifeline service as long as providers such as Cox that have already been designated as eligible telecommunications carriers (“ETCs”) are not required to seek any new or federal designation that may be adopted. Cox described its own participation in the Lifeline program and discussed its successful Connect2Compete broadband adoption program for the families of school-age children.

In response to questions, Cox indicated that Cox’s Lifeline customers can apply their Lifeline discounts to service packages that include both voice and broadband. At staff’s request, Cox also provides its pricing and plan information for residential services, which are available at: <https://www.cox.com/residential/pricing.html>.

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This filing is made consistent with the Commission's ex parte rules. Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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